

**4579. Misbranding of "Mother Noble's Healing Syrup." U. S. \* \* \* v. Clark Johnson Medicine Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$40. (F. & D. No. 6877. I. S. No. 708-k.)**

On February 18, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Clark Johnson Medicine Co., a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on June 12, 1914, from the State of New York into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of "Mother Noble's Healing Syrup," which was misbranded. The article was labeled: (On carton) "Mother Noble's Healing Syrup Directions: Dose.—One half teaspoonful in a wine-glass of water, three times per day, immediately after eating. It can be sweetened if desired. If this dose should operate on the bowels too freely, reduce the dose; if not enough, increase the dose. Shake the Bottle Before Using. Or you can make the medicine into Syrup, if preferred, by putting the contents of this into a one pint bottle and fill it up with water, adding sugar to the taste. Dose in this form, from a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful three times per day, immediately after eating. Note.—The first directions given above are perhaps more convenient and otherwise better. For all Diseases of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, Bowels, Skin and Blood. This Bottle contains the virtues of a pound of the Herb, and makes a pint of the syrup, and is double in quantity with double the strength of any medicine sold at the same price. Guaranteed by Clark Johnson Medicine Co., under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 2053. Mother Noble's Healing Syrup Trade Mark The Great English Remedy, For all Diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Blood. Price 50 Cents. Directions. One-half teaspoonful to a wine-glass of water, three times per day, immediately after eating. It can be sweetened, if desired. If this dose should operate on the bowels too freely, reduce the dose; if not enough, increase the dose. Shake the Bottle Before Using. Prepared by Dr. E. P. Huyler, Successor to Abel King, M. D., Clark Johnson Medicine Co., Props., New York. An Extraordinary Discovery in Nature. A Blessing to the Human Family. For all Diseases of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, Bowels, Skin and Blood." The circular, pamphlet, or leaflet accompanying the article contained, among other things, the following: "Mother Noble's Healing Syrup \* \* \* an unfailing remedy for Dyspepsia, Liver Diseases, Fever and Ague, Rheumatism, and all other diseases of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, Bowels, Skin and Blood. A Purely Vegetable Remedy which Invigorates the Liver, Purifies the Blood, Regulates the Bowels, Tones the Stomach, Opens the pores of the Skin, Acts upon the Kidneys, Quiets the Nerves, Promotes Digestion and Nourishes and Strengthens the Whole System. All who are afflicted with Kidney Disease, Dropsy &c., should not delay in procuring relief through the aid of 'Mother Noble's Healing Syrup.' It regulates the condition which produces the afflicting result, neutralizes the acidity of the Blood, and in a short time the result is happily made manifest. It is equally efficacious in Rheumatism, Gout &c., neutralizing the acidity upon which this painful difficulty depends. Your Stomach can consume more material in twelve hours and with greater satisfaction to you when it is brought in suitable quantity and at the proper time, than it can in twenty-four hours if crowded to its full capacity. A fire can not burn properly if the stove be crowded full of wood, but when the fuel is added with judgment, the result is satisfactory. But if you will persist in loading the Stomach with more work than it can properly perform or have already weakened it by abuse, then be supplied with a bottle of 'Mother

Noble's Healing Syrup' and you can overtax and overburden your poor Stomach to your heart's content, for the Healing Syrup so increases the quantity of the gastric juice, that it instantly takes hold of the food, and dissolves it, causing it to pass out of the Stomach without difficulty. But in all cases, where the Healing Syrup is taken for Indigestion or Dyspepsia it should be taken instantly after eating." "Motley's Depot, Pittsylvania Co., Va., Dear Sir:—This is to certify that I have been cured of Kidney Disease by the use of Mother Noble's Healing Syrup, and can recommend it as a very safe and reliable medicine. It only needs a trial to convince one of its merits. John Kusee." "Gosport, Owen Co., Ind. Dear Sir:—I was afflicted with Piles for forty-six years. I took some of Mother Noble's Healing Syrup, and I can assure you that I have been effectually cured. They may say what they please but the Syrup is the only reliable remedy. Angelina Carter." "Smithville, Wayne, Co., Ohio. Dear Sir:—I was troubled with Dropsy for four months, which the doctors absolutely failed to cure, but after taking Mother Noble's Healing Syrup I was effectually cured. It is a wonderful medicine. John Myers."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Ferric chlorid (per cent) .....	0.40
Magnesium sulphate (per cent) .....	1.33
Sand (per cent) .....	0.25
Invert sugar (gram per 100 cc) .....	0.27

Alkaloids: Absent.

Glycyrrhizin: Present.

An aqueous solution of a vegetable cathartic drug, brown in color, and containing a large amount of undissolved material, mostly licorice.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the following statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effects thereof, appearing on the label aforesaid, to wit, (On carton) "Mother Noble's Healing Syrup \* \* \* for all diseases of the liver, kidneys, stomach, bowels, skin and blood \* \* \* The Great English Remedy \* \* \*," and included in the circular or leaflet aforesaid, to wit, "Mother Noble's Healing Syrup \* \* \* an unfailing remedy for Dyspepsia, Liver Diseases, Fever and Ague, Rheumatism \* \* \*," "All who are afflicted with Kidney Disease, Dropsy \* \* \* should not delay in procuring relief through the aid of 'Mother Noble's Healing Syrup.' It regulates the condition which produces the afflicting result, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, and in a short time the result is happily made manifest," "It is equally efficacious in Rheumatism, Gout &c., neutralizing the acidity upon which this painful difficulty depends," "You can overtax and overburden your poor stomach to your heart's content, for the Healing Syrup so increases the quantity of the gastric juice, that it instantly takes hold of the food, and dissolves it, causing it to pass out of the Stomach without difficulty," "But in all cases, where the Healing Syrup is taken for Indigestion or Dyspepsia it should be taken instantly after eating," " \* \* \* I have been cured of kidney disease by the use of Mother Noble's Healing Syrup \* \* \*," " \* \* \* I was afflicted with the piles for forty-six years. I took some of Mother Noble's Healing Syrup, and I can assure you that I have been effectually cured \* \* \*," " \* \* \* I was troubled with dropsy for four months, which the doctors absolutely failed to cure, but after taking Mother Noble's Healing Syrup I was effectually cured \* \* \*," were false and fraudulent in that they were applied to said article knowingly, and in

reckless and wanton disregard of their truth or falsity, so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was, in whole or in part, composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, as a remedy for all diseases of the liver, kidneys, stomach, bowels, skin, and blood, as an unfailing remedy for dyspepsia, liver diseases, fever and ague, and rheumatism, and as a remedy for kidney disease, dropsy, gout, indigestion, dyspepsia, and as a cure for kidney disease, piles, and dropsy, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not, in whole or in part, composed of, and did not contain, such ingredients or medicinal agents.

On February 23, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$40.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*